

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees****District Board Room****Tuesday, January 13, 1998****6:00 P.M.****MINUTES****1. GENERAL INFORMATION****1a. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Robert Fisler on Tuesday January 13, 1998 at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Alan Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

- Robert Fisler, President
- Marjorie Pogue, Vice President
- Hilda Sugarman, Clerk
- Kim Guth, Member
- Anthony Valla, Member

Administration:

- Ron Cooper, Superintendent
- Karin Lynch, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Marie Sweet, Secretary to the Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:03 p.m. the Board recessed into Closed Session to discuss a request to modify a pupil grade, pursuant to Education Code sections 49066 and 49070. President Fisler announced

that no action was anticipated.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:04 p.m. President Fisler announced that there was no action taken in Closed Session and that discussion on the request to modify a pupil grade would continue in Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Susan Serbin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Kim Guth and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Consent Items, as corrected and presented, with the exception of item 2m which was pulled at the request of Trustee Guth and heard separately.

2a. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Alan Morton, community member, spoke to the Board, clarifying his suggestion at the last meeting that the agenda conform to the "Board Meeting" information pamphlet.

That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 1998 as presented.

2b. APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Report as submitted: (New Hires, Variable Term Waiver Requests, Extra Duty Assignments, Leaves of Absence and Resignations).

2c. APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT

That the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Report as submitted: (Add Classification, Increase/Decrease Hours, New Hires, Reinstatements, Resignations, Step Raises, Terminations, Transfers, and Working Out of Classification).

2d. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Purchase Orders numbered 72577 through 72869.

2e. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 40231 through 40777 in the amount of \$2,098,623.67.

2f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 97/98-59 THROUGH 97/98-63 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 97/98-59 through 97/98-63 authorizing budget transfers according to Education Code Section 42600 and use of unbudgeted income according to Education Code Section 42602 for submission to the Orange County

Superintendent of Schools.

2g. ACCEPT GIFTS

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts as listed on 2g and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors.

2h. APPROVE LECTURER

That the Board of Trustees approve the following lecturer: John Lacques, All the Arts for All the Kids, from January 14, 1998 through June 13, 1998, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,240.00.

2i. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve reimbursement of \$113.08 to Caroline Porter, teacher at Maple School for loss of personal property.

2j. RATIFY NONPUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify a nonpublic school contract with Center for Autism and Related Disorders for a special education student (MIS ID #96-01490) effective January 5, 1998 through June 30, 1998 at a cost not to exceed \$13,178.00.

2k. APPROVE 1998 AGREEMENTS WITH SCANTRON

That the Board of Trustees approve the 1998 agreements with Scantron for scanner support and services at a cost not to exceed \$400.00.

2l. APPROVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

That the Board of Trustees approve an independent contractor agreement with Becky Low to provide Mac School Student Information System scheduling training at a cost of \$800.00.

2m. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR MITIGATION OF SCHOOL FACILITY IMPACTS

Mr. Alan Morton, community member, spoke to the Board asking what criteria was used in arriving at the final numbers. President Fisler asked Mr. Morton to contact District staff for further information.

Trustee Guth requested that this item be pulled and heard separately.

At the request of Trustee Guth, Dr. Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, explained the process that the District followed in reaching the mitigation agreement with Braemar.

Moved by Kim Guth, seconded by Hilda Sugarman and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for Mitigation of School Facility Impacts between Fullerton School District and Braemar Construction, Inc.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3a. 1998/99 BUDGET UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Patricia Godfrey presented an update on the Governor's Proposed 1998/99 State Budget, stating that at this time it is anticipated that the District will receive approximately \$200,000 less than previously anticipated for the 1997/98 fiscal year based on prior state information. Dr. Godfrey noted that the Proposed State Budget is still not final and staff will continue to update the Board on any changes.

3b. ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND IMPACT ON FACILITIES

Superintendent Ron Cooper reflected on Board discussion relating to interest in 6/7/8 middle schools, year-round schools and reopening Beechwood School.

Mr. Ben Dolinka representing David Taussig and Associates, the District's consultant, distributed an information packet addressing existing and future school facilities needs within the District. Mr. Dolinka presented information, summaries and staff recommendations relating to middle school versus junior high school, multi-track year-round education, class size reduction - Grade 3 and reopening of Beechwood Elementary School.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4a. APPROVE CONTINUATION OF CLASS SIZE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Dr. Pat Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented background information on the continuation of the Class Size Reduction Program for Kindergarten, Option II; and Grades 1 and 2, Option I.

Superintendent Cooper briefly commented on school visits that he and Dr. Caillet made to observe Kindergarten classrooms.

Dr. Caillet, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, summarized the visits she made to schools with Dr. Cooper and Billie Holt (teacher on special assignment) to observe kindergarten classrooms. Dr. Caillet stated that 16 of the 31 classrooms she visited shared a common classroom. She stated that her overall observations were the same as Dr. Cooper, indicating that the teachers are working very hard this year with little or no additional resources in order to meet the constraints of Option II. She noted the major concerns came from the 16 teachers who shared classrooms.

Vicki Trendel, District Kindergarten teacher, spoke to the Board on the necessity of providing more financial support for Kindergarten Class Size Reduction, Option II.

Robin Ruble, District Kindergarten teacher, spoke to the Board on the importance of Kindergarten and invited Board members to visit her room for a full day.

After discussion, the Board, by roll call vote, unanimously deferred action on this item to the next meeting.

Superintendent Cooper summarized Board member requests relating to this item: Trustee Guth requested to discuss implementing CSR in Grade 3 at sites which have the classroom

space and more information on Option II for CSR in Grade 3; Trustee Sugarman requested to receive information on what other Districts are doing to support their Kindergarten teachers in the Class Size Reduction Program, Option II and what Fullerton School District Kindergarten teachers see as needed support for Option II; Trustee Sugarman requested staff to investigate the cost of aides in Kindergarten; Trustee Sugarman requested staff to investigate the possibility of any of the schools to go to CSR, Option I in Kindergarten.

Mr. Ben Dolinka, District consultant representing David Taussig and Associates, clarified that at the current time the District is looking at long-term facility needs as it relates to the Class Size Reduction Program, stating it is projected that in the year 2000 the District will not have sufficient facilities to house students in existing classrooms and that is the reason staff is not recommending the implementation of Class Size Reduction in Grade 3 for the 1998-99 school year.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cooper reported on the opening/dedication of Acacia Media Center and commended Acacia principal, Dr. Georgia Menges, for the wonderful ceremony.

Superintendent Cooper informed Board members that superintendents and board presidents have been invited to attend the Single Classroom Technology Center in Fountain Valley on January 14. He and President Fisler will be attending the event and will report back to the Board.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Valla reported on his attendance at various school holiday performances. Trustee Valla also announced that he will be visiting District schools every Thursday afternoon.

Trustee Sugarman reported on her visits to Ladera Vista to see the video production program and to Acacia to observe robotics being used in the classroom.

Trustee Sugarman reported on a letter she received from Assemblyman Ackerman about a two year bill dealing with volunteer workers in schools.

Trustee Sugarman commended Assistant Superintendent Dr. Karin Lynch for obtaining the substitute calling system.

Trustee Sugarman wished Trustee Pogue well in her surgery scheduled for Wednesday, January 14.

Trustee Pogue reported on her visits to Commonwealth, Valencia Park, Sunset Lane, Acacia and Fern Drive Schools.

Trustee Pogue congratulated Fern Drive teachers for the grants they recently received.

Trustee Fisler reported on his attendance at several school holiday performances.

Trustee Fisler reported on a South Coast Air Quality meeting he attended for Kaynar Co.

Trustee Fisler reported on the Education Foundation meeting, noting that the foundation will be presenting grants to teachers at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Conrad DeWitte, community member, spoke to the Board regarding the staff presentation on enrollment projections and the impact on facilities, noting his disagreement.

Mary Reese, former parent in the District spoke to the Board on positive experiences her child had at Richman and Nicolas Junior High School.

Alan Morton, community member, read a newspaper article he wrote pertaining to keeping the public informed. Mr. Morton addressed President Fisler. President Fisler informed Mr. Morton that speakers are required to address the Board and not individual Board members. Mr. Morton made no further comment.

5. INFORMATION WITH ACTION POSSIBLE

5a. REOPENING OF BEECHWOOD SITE - 1999-2000

Kevin Bass, Golden Hill parent, spoke to the Board in support of the staff recommendation to reopen Beechwood School.

Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Marjorie Pogue and carried unanimously by roll call vote that the Board of Trustees approve reopening of the Beechwood site for the 1999-2000 school year.

5b. DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Board of Trustees reviewed the District calendar of events from January 14, 1998 through January 27, 1998.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:10 p.m. President Fisler announced that the Board would recess into Closed Session to discuss: 1) conference with real property negotiator (property - Beechwood Site, negotiating parties - Fullerton Joint union High School District and Fullerton School District, under negotiation - cost of conversion to original school condition); 2) continuation of request to modify pupil grade. Mr. Fisler stated that action was anticipated.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:55 p.m. It was announced that in Closed Session, in the matter concerning the request for a grade change of a pupil, the Board unanimously determined not to change the grade.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fisler adjourned the meeting at 10:58 p.m.

Hilda Sugarman, Clerk

Board of Trustees